

**Permit Requirements  
Cannabis Facility  
To construct, alter or modify a building for  
Cannabis Facility**

**Kern County Fire Department**



Office of the Fire Marshal ~ Fire Prevention  
2820 M St. ~ Bakersfield, CA 93301  
Telephone (661) 391-3310 ~ Fax (661) 636-0466/67  
**Website:** kerncountyfire.org  
**Email:** fireprevention@kerncountyfire.org



Please include completed Application for Permit (KCFD 200) with submittal

**Fee Amount: \$290.00**

**Fee Code: 1.16 5,000 square feet or less.**

**Fee Code: 1.17 greater than 5,000 square feet plus \$0.026 per square feet over 5,000.**

The intent of this document is to aid in the construction permitting process, including Change of Use/Occupancy, for marijuana establishments or businesses (i.e. cultivation, manufacturing, sales, or testing/extraction labs) within commercial buildings or tenant spaces, regarding what should be submitted for review to the Fire Marshal's Office. Because every building differs, this guideline **SHALL** follow **Kern County Ordinance 17.32.083 and California Fire Code Chapter 39** for any construction under review. Other Fire Department operational permits may be required. A separate permit is required for plant extraction systems (Fee Code 2.13), gas detection systems (Fee Code 1.20) and carbon dioxide enrichment systems (Fee Code 2.14) in addition to this permit.

1. Permits for Cannabis Cultivation Facilities shall be applied for at 2820 M St., Bakersfield, CA 93301.
2. Fee shall be submitted at time of application submittal. Make check payable to Kern County Fire Department. **Visa and MasterCard accepted.**
3. Provide three (3) copies of plans, include site plan, utilities and mechanical drawings only.
4. Identify any proposed blocked windows or doors and how blocking will be accomplished. For growing operations, any new wall partitions or ceilings will need a permit for construction. **(CFC Chapter 10)**
5. Any use of plastic or Mylar to enclose rooms or cover walls or ceilings must be installed in accordance with the California Building Code and the California Fire Code. If plastic material is proposed, include manufacturer cut sheets showing the flame spread ratings and details of how the product will be installed in compliance with applicable codes. If plastic material is not proposed, indicate in a letter or on construction drawings that plastic materials will not be used to line walls/ceilings or create room enclosures. (Note that hanging plastic from ceilings or suspended overhead to create wall dividers is not in compliance with code provisions for wall partition or interior finish).
6. Fire sprinkler systems are required for all cannabis cultivation, manufacturing and plant extraction operations. A Building Code analysis shall be submitted with any construction permit or change of use/occupancy, which is typically conducted by a licensed Architect or Engineer. **(KCO 3905.1/CFC 903.3.1.1)**
7. The California Fire Code prohibits the use of extension cords or power strips as permanent wiring to equipment, lighting, fans, etc. The electrical loads and wiring for grow lighting, fans, etc. shall be reviewed and permitted for use. **(CFC 604.5, CBC, CEC)**
8. The type of proposed locking hardware on all exit doors shall be submitted for review. Please submit cut sheets from the manufacturer. **(KCO 3903.4/CFC 1010.1.10)**

9. The use of flammable or combustible gases or liquids in open extraction systems (i.e. where the agent is directly released to the atmosphere) is prohibited by the Kern County Fire Department. **(CFC 5003.8.5 & 6004.1.3)**
10. The use of industrial ovens shall comply with **CFC Chapter 30**.

Additional Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Mailing Address:**

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